



LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission Minutes

Date: January 16, 2020

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Robbins Library, 4th Floor Conference Room

Attendees: Commissioners Julia Forsythe (Co-Chair), Andy Robinson (Co-Chair), Bill Gardiner, Mel Goldsipe, Helene Newberg, Brooks Harrelson, Lisa Krinsky,

Guests: Em Phillips, Jillian Harvey, Marian King

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm, BH assigned as minute-taker.

1. Announcements: Jillian Harvey has been hired as the new DEI Coordinator
2. Open Forum:
 - a. BH: The Grant proposal to AEF for training students as trainers for Active Bystander Training has been approved by the district.
 - b. EP: Student Council is teaching consent in the schools, the Healthy Youth Act passed the State Senate to provide age-appropriate and medically accurate information.
 - c. HN: Julie Dunn and Rebecca Hawk @ GIBBS are looking for LGBTQIA+ folx to help with a Mar 10th talk to students. AR will follow up.
3. Discussion with Jillian Harvey:
 - a. The town has joined REAL – Racial Equity and Leadership, including:
 - i. Racial Equity Training for the Town – 38 hours over 9 months
 - ii. Meeting w/ Commissioners
 - b. Also joined GARE – Government Alliance for Racial Equity
 - c. Following up on response to Lt. Pedrini in town
 - d. JH is part of interview process for police chief
 - e. Hopes to be part of Citizens Review Board Advocacy Committee
 - f. JH will be included in future RC strategy sessions
 - g. BG suggested JH participate in Human Relations Assessment for town
 - h. Working on signage for all single-stall restrooms as all-gender
 - i. LK suggested town has an inclusion statement, not just a non-discrimination statement.
 - j. MG suggested that the inclusion statement be included on every commission agenda.

- k. It was suggested that the town host a multi-commission meeting so we could all meet each other.
- 4. Consent agenda: MG moved to approve, HM second, accepted.
- 5. FY 2020 Budget: \$4,000 level funding, reallocated submitted.
- 6. Membership: terms expire in March, terms will move to January to rationalize.
- 7. Subcommittees : no subcommittee reports
- 8. Liaisons and partnerships:
 - a. Request to co-sponsor DIG end of school year event, requested DIG send representative to RC to discuss
 - b. BH: LexPride meeting felt like a good connection. LP working with True Story Theater (Stories of Intersectionality), public forum on Social Justice Issues for Lexington.
 - c. MG: Should RC partner with LWV in Arlington to add social justice questions to their forum?
 - d. MG: Search Committee for School Supt. – Paul Schlichtman chairing process
 - e. BG: part of search for police chief
 - f. MG: School DIGs next meeting with RC.
- 9. Strategic Planning: no report
- 10. Pride Planning: AR to research date of Porchfest to confirm no conflict with June 20 date. AR to chair Pride committee with subcommittee chairs leading work streams. AR to do outreach for committee members. Have a volunteer event to paint the crosswalk in front of town hall. Inviting APS GSA & Rainbow Alliances. Suggestion to do closer to June 20 Pride event.
- 11. Membership – Suggestion to do "Coffee Corner" with a couple commissioners for informal chat. Post to town calendar. No agenda needed.

Next meeting: Feb. 20, 2020, 6:30 pm, Cutter Gallery, Jefferson-Cutter House, lower rear entrance, 611 Massachusetts Ave.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm (AG move, BG 2nd, passed).